

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Twice Amended) A process for racemising an enantiomer-enriched Schiff base of a primary amide of an amino acid which process comprises contacting said enantiomer-enriched Schiff base of a primary amide of an amino acid with a strong base in an organic solvent,

wherein said strong base is chemically reactive with water.

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